

From the President

We start 2008 with a newly elected Board of Directors and they have been working hard in many areas – Metca shows, Meet-n-Greets, shaping policy and bylaws, improving communications, developing a new Division car (isn't it GREAT?) and other stuff to make Metca a division of which to be proud.

Your Directors depend on regular division members as well. Paul Licata, while not a division Director, stepped up to be our first Election Committee Chairman. Stu Rankin, while not yet on the Board, took charge of our Division Car fundraising. Sam Deo, active on our Election Committee and just one of over 300 METCA MIGS (Members In Good Standing), has volunteered to coordinate and develop our Meet-n-Greets.

The fact is, for our division to grow and prosper, we need volunteers; the only compensation we get are the senses of accomplishment and pride, knowing we are a positive influence in the division. Plus, there's a special camaraderie that goes with helping to actually keep the division moving forward.

And that's where you come in. Volunteers are the reason Metca is where it is today, and where it will be (good or bad) in the future. The folks who came before us, both men and women, have for the most part, moved on. This Board of Directors will not be sitting forever. Without volunteers, all the good news and positive energy coming out of the Metca Division now, will slow and perhaps cease. Does that matter to you? It does matter to me.

Many of you can feel the change in the past couple of years, so much so that I've been approached by several Metca MIGS about hosting a National TCA Convention! That's a BIG job! But, why not?. With enough volunteers, we can do anything! Our plate is pretty full for the rest of the year with Meet-n-Greets, attending shows and sponsoring our two remaining ones, building a new interactive display layout, four "Waybills" perhaps a mini-meet or two and some ideas that are already in the pipeline!

Would you like to be part of a division that makes a difference in a child's life? How about being part of one of the fastest growing divisions in all of the TCA? A National Convention? All these are ideas and plans that need volunteers!

And just what ideas do you have to help 'grow' the division? Tell us! Contact any member of the BOD, either by email or by phone, We're all in the most recent TCA Directory. Visit www.metca.org and you will see our contact info there. Chat with us on our interactive discussion group

<http://groups.yahoo.com/group/METCA>

Come participate at a BOD meeting. Most are held right after our shows in Garfield, NJ and Board Channel, NY. Come introduce yourself and make new train friends. Doing something positive in someone's life, all while surrounded by trains. Isn't that what the TCA is really all about.

I'll be at our Meet-n-Greets on March 29th in Middletown NJ at Island Trains II and at the Central Operating Lines Club on May 10th. Now is not the time to be shy, come on out and say hi! Let's Talk!

~Scot

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Collectible Corner

By Stuart Rankin



Grand Trunk Railroad Board of Directors 9764 Double Door Box Car

In 1990, Richard Kughn (then owner of Lionel Trains, Inc.) had Lionel make approximately 50 double door box cars as gifts for the Grand Trunk Railroad Board of Directors. The new production run of the car was similar to the 9764 Double Door Box Car from 1976 except that for the new production run, the Built Date was changed to show that the car was built in September of 1990 (9-90). The cars were given to the Grand Trunk Board of Directors members and very few made it into general circulation. The true item number of this car is unknown, but many people refer to it as the 19764, since Lionel had switched over to a 5 digit numbering system by 1990. Truly a **RARE** find.



Regular 9764 from 1976
Note Built Date 1-76



Special 9764 from 1990
Note Built Date 9-90



Regular 9764 from 1976
Note Red and white Box



Special 9764 from 1990
Note Black and White Box

Long Island Sounds

By Bob Amling

Where am I? It's 5:30 AM on a wintery Saturday in February. As I drive South on this thin strip of land the sun is shining through a railroad bridge over my left shoulder. When I arrive at the location, I am met by Anthony Dudynski METCA member from the Bronx . Anthony is in awe that this picturesque and peaceful location is still within city limits. Anthony and I are in Broad Channel, Queens, NY, standing in front of the American Legion Hall which is the host for the second METCA train meet in NY. As we finish our coffee it's time to make the hall ready and unload for what will turn out to be another great METCA Train Meet! The steady flow of members and public were greeted by a neat operating layout that was assembled and operated by the TMB modular club. The kids were in awe as they stepped through the doorway. The hall was chock full of tables with trains and accessories in every gauge and every era. Evan Designs donated 5 door prizes; including their Model Builder and Brickyard software as well as Welding and Fire LED kits. Steve Musso dazzled onlookers while demonstrating Lionel's new Legacy © system. The kids were excited by the addition of Locomotive Drag Races! Entry to the drag races was free for kids from 5 to 16. TCA member Mark Ranzie helped set up and run the drag races. We ran several heats and awarded prizes at the heat level and then the grand prize. Rem Hunnewell , METCA Secretary, accepted **XX** METCA applications, and **XX** TCA applications during the show. Thanks to METCA members Mario Ciliotta , Bob Del Castillio, and the METCA BOD for their help with the show!

(Bob Amling is the Chairman fir the METCA Brooklyn show. If you would like other METCA members to know what is happening on Long Island, contact Bob or Scot Kienzlen)



The Board Channel show was an enjoyable day for everyone, especially these two junior engineers who are enjoying a day at the races.

Join us again on November 15 in Board Channel

The future of the TCA and METCA.

I am pleased to announce that the Metropolitan Division has FOUR items up for bid on Ebay! Here's YOUR chance to not only support the division, but also bid on rare and unusual items that you may never get a chance to bid on again!!!

Visit http://search.ebay.com/W0QQsassZmetca_div_tca for your chance to make a bid on these items.

We not only have these items, but will have MORE special items in the future! Make sure to bookmark the METCA ebay site and keep watching for YOUR chance to win!

Bid to WIN... and THANK YOU for your support of the TCA METCA Division!

Cordially,
Scot Kienzlen
President, Metca Division, TCA



Historian's Corner

By Pat Scurzo

The METCA Division of the TCA has been holding their train meets at the Garfield Boys & Girls Club for a while now, but did you know that METCA had train shows at the Garfield Boys & Girls Club back in the 80's, with the help of Mr. William Vagel.

How many of you remember "Treasure House"? Mr. Vagel, owned and operated "Treasure House" for many years. It was the "Madison Hardware", of New Jersey, so to speak. It was located, where else but in Garfield NJ. "Treasure House" was the place to go for trains, parts and repairs. It was also a Friday night meeting place for many members of METCA.

After Bill Vagel closed shop on Friday nights we gathered at a local pizza place. We talked about trains, what new items we picked up and so forth. Many of those who attended were Bill Vagel, Joe Ranker, Doc Robinson, Joe Francis, Matt King, Fred Weber, Jerry Van Dyke and I. On some of those Friday nights we has the presence of Mr. Lenny Dean, from Lionel. He would tell us about new items coming from Lionel, out of the Irvington, NJ plant.

Some of those people are no longer with us today and I will always remember those Friday night get-togethers, with other collectors and friends.

That's what it is all about, the TCA and METCA to promote good fellowship and friendship.

With sincere thanks, I would like to thank all of the METCA members who have expressed their sympathy on the passing of my brother, Joseph DiNatale.

~Paul DiNatale

WELCOME NEW METCA MEMBERS!

These new TCA members' names have appeared in the "National Headquarters News" since our last Waybill. If they live in a town near you, why not call them and welcome them to the TCA and METCA!

John Auriemma, Parlin, NJ 732-4074543

Cheryl Lynn Baker, Long Eddy, NY 845-887-4596

John Barone, Holtsville, NY 631-2896-6359

John Bartlett, CT, 203-655-0373

Richard Carradini, Rockaway, NJ 973-627-8782

Perry Castiglia, Danbury, CT, 203-797-1327

Pedro Delgado, Brooklyn, NY, 917-861-5935

Bernard Delloso, New York, NY, 212-327-0613

Robert Frink, Rochdale, MA, 508-885-5221

Matthew Gleason, Staten Island, NY, 347-861-0450

Drew Halvorsen, North Haledon, NJ, 973-427-3659

Kurt Henningsen, Stratford, CT, 203-556-5113

Vincent Imperial, Mt. Sinai, NY, 631-805-6286

John Kozikowski, Hichsville, NY, 516-822-5294

Thomas Krausz, Port Jeff Station, NY, 631-331-9068

Larry Lancione, Pleasant Valley, NY

Rob Lombardi, Marlboro, NJ, 732-859-5117

Robert Mack, Staten Island, NY, 718-227-5203

Joseph Manfredi, Mendham, NJ, 973-543-1695

Robert Palestra, Staten Island, NY 718-967-3084

Jonathan Palestra, Staten Island, NY 718-967-3084

Alan Shaw, Shelter Island, NY, 631-749-0675

Arnold Smith, Brooklyn, NY, 718-625-2026

Glenn Stastny, Monroe, CT, 203-452-7334

Dennis Torricelli, New York, NY 718-984-0884

Yukun Tsai, Holmdel, NJ, 732-834-9611

George Turner, Staten Island, NY 718-442-2851

Did you really read the "National Headquarters News" ?



METCA TRAIN SHOW

13 January 2008

Garfield Boys and Girls Club, Garfield NJ

Revenue:		
Number of tables sold:	56 @\$20 each	\$1,120
Pre-admission:		\$22
Free tables:	19	
Total tables:	75	\$1,142
Door revenue:		\$553
Total revenue:		\$1,695
Expenses:		
Hall Rental:		\$400
Janitor (cash):		\$80
Coffee (cash):		\$60
METCA Money:		\$30
Total Expenses:		\$570
Net Show Profit:		\$1,125
Attendance at the door:	120	
Number of vendors :	34	
Door prize participants:	123	
Door prize winners:	15	
	Kent Loudon - Somerville NJ won G. Wilson's donation of a toy fair boxcar	
Furthest traveled:	Sean Larkin - Yountville CA	
	Daniel Fisher - Lehigh PA	
Closest traveled:	Garfield NJ	

Upcoming METCA Events

Meet-n-Greet	Island Trains II Union Square Shopping Center	Middletown NJ	March 29, 2008 10am – 3pm
Meet-n-Greet	Central Operating Lines	Ronkonkoma, LI	May 10, 2008 10am – 3pm
Halloween Show	Boys and Girls Club of Garfield	Garfield, NJ	Oct 26, 2008 8am –TCA 9am – 2pm
Turkey Meet	American Legion Post 1404	Broad Channel, LI	Nov 15, 2008 8am –TCA 9am – 2pm



Minutes of the Metropolitan Division Board of Directors Meeting

27 February 2008

EMERGENCY TELECONFERENCE

Under authority of the Division bylaws Article 5, Sec 4, item 6 and agreed to by the Division Secretary. The only agenda item for this meeting will be that of electing a new Division Treasurer under authority of the Metropolitan Division bylaws Article 4, Section 4

1. Meeting called to order at 7:30PM by President Scot Kienzlen
2. Roll Call of BOD Members by Rem Hunnewell
 - Present: President: Scot Kienzlen
 - Vice President: John Bernich
 - Secretary: Rem Hunnewell
 - BOD Member: Don Brill
 - BOD Member: Bob Dobrowolski
 - BOD Member: Kevin Quinn
 - BOD Member Pat Scuorzo
3. Resumes submitted by the candidates to the Division Secretary were read allowed by the Secretary.
4. The following nominations for the position of Treasurer were made:
 - A) Mr. Stuart Rankin by Mr. John Bernich
5. Motion Made by Mr. Brill and seconded by Mr. Dobrowolski to close nominations, Motion passed unanimously.
6. A roll call vote was then called for by the METCA Division President.

	Present	Nominations	Close Nominations	Vote	Close Election
John Bernich	P	Stu Rankin 1st		Stu Rankin	
Bob Dobrowolski	P		2nd	Stu Rankin	
Rem Hunnewell	P			Stu Rankin	1st
Scot Kienzlen	P				
Don Brill	P		1st	Stu Rankin	
Kevin Quinn	P			Stu Rankin	
Pat Scuorzo	P	Stu Rankin 2nd		Stu Rankin	2nd

7. Election results were as follows for the Position of Treasurer:
 - A) Stuart Rankin – 6 Yes Votes, 0 No votes, 1 abstention
8. The vote being certified by all members of the BOD present, Mr. Rankin will assume the duties of Treasurer February 28, 2008.
9. Meeting adjourned at: 7:46PM 27 February 2008

Rem Hunnewell



Minutes of the Metropolitan Division Board of Directors Meeting

9 February 2008

Broad Channel, Queens, NY

1. Meeting called to order at 2:30PM by President Scot Kienzlen
2. Roll Call of BOD Members by Rem Hunnewell
 - a) Present: President: Scot Kienzlen
Vice President: John Bernich
Secretary: Rem Hunnewell
BOD Member: Don Brill
BOD Member: Bob Dobrowolski
 - b) Excused: Treasurer: Paul DiNatale
BOD Member: Kevin Quinn
BOD Member Pat Scuorzo
3. Motion made by Mr. Brill to accept the minutes of the January 13, 2008 BOD meeting. Seconded by Mr. Bernich. Motion passed unanimously.
4. Presidents Report – Radio City Music Hall Christmas Tree involvement for the Division is still on the Green board. Additional comments on the TCA cruise and Division car were made.
5. Vice Presidents Report – General comments on advertising for shows
6. Treasurers Report – Mr. DiNatale reported that the Division currently has \$2674.00 as of January 14, 2008 He will have a better idea of the current balance after he receives the next bank statement. No Motions were made to accept the Treasurers report.
7. Secretaries Report – Mr. Hunnewell reported the following and turned over all receipts to the Division Treasurer for verification. 1. Currently METCA has 266 paid members A 2nd dues notice has been sent and membership totals are expected to grow.

Secretaries Report, February 9, 2008			
Date		Expenses	Balance
14-Jan-08	Balance Forward		(\$337.73)
15-Jan-08	Postage, 1st Class	(\$41.00)	
24-Jan-08	Postage, Newsletters, probationary	(\$17.40)	
3-Feb-08	Avery postcards, 400	(\$11.48)	
4-Feb-08	Postage, Dues reminders	(\$71.96)	
	Sub-Total	(\$141.84)	(\$337.73)
	Grand Total		(\$479.57)
	DUES 2008 Annual		
	Deposit 8 Feb, 2008	\$70.00	
	SUB TOTAL	\$70.00	
	Transfer from M/Y to Operating	7 Paid	\$35.00
	DUES 2008 Multi-Year Payment		
	Not Deposited	\$175.00	
	TOTAL	\$175.00	
	DUES GRAND TOTAL	\$105.00	



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Motion made by Mr Bernich to accept the Division Secretaries report. Seconded by Mr. Dobrowolski Motion passed unanimously

8. Committee Reports -

- A. Membership – Mr. Dobrowolski was please to announce that membership is currently at 266 and rising.
- B. Rules and Regulations – The new Board Policy Book has been finished and in the hands of the BOD members for vote latter in the meeting.
- C. Shows and Meets – New Locations are still being sought out.
- D. Advertising – We will need to track advertising so the division can determine where we get the most bang for the buck.
- E. Newsletter – Mario Ciliotta appointed as associate editor. Next Waybill will be published last week of March 2008

9. Discussion and vote on METCA Board Policy Book, Roll call vote follows: Motion made by Mr. Bernich and seconded by Mr. Brill.

John Bernich	Y
Paul DiNatale	E
Bob Dobrowolski	Y
Rem Hunnewell	Y
Scot Kienzlen	A
Don Brill	Y
Kevin Quinn	E
Pat Scurzo	E

Motion to accept the Manual of Procedure passed unanimously

10. New Business – Discussion on future activities for METCA members, Mr. Bernich will report back at the next BOD meeting.

11. Next METCA BOD meeting will be held at 12:30 PM at the Dover Train show March 30, 2008

12. With all posted business successfully attended to, President Kienzlen adjourned the meeting at 4:00PM

Rem Hunnewell, Secretary

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Vice President: John Bernich 89-28368
Secretary: Rem Hunnewell 75-7632
Treasurer: Stu Rankin 87-25191

Directors

Pat Scuorzo 62-651
Don Brill 73-5930
Bob Dobrowolski 02-54401
Kevin Quinn 98-47167

From the Division Secretaries Desk

The beginning of 2008 finds METCA in an enviable position as compared to other divisions within TCA as well as where we were just a mere 12 months ago. Our paid member has already reached and exceeded those goals as set by the Division BOD for the end of 2008. METCA has also been recognized by the State of New Jersey as a 501c3 organization and is now tax exempt. Nassau Hobbies on Long Island and Island Trains II in Middletown, NJ offer a 5% discount to METCA members who present their METCA card at time of purchase, please support them. Speaking of METCA cards, the new cards will be issued annually and will be laminated with the scheduled events and contact info on the back. Those of you who paid for multiple years will receive them automatically and you will not receive a dues notice. If you have any questions concerning METCA business or your membership please call me at (732) 660-7062 or email me at

Rem@metca.org

